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14th Annual Civil War Quiz Bowl Kicks Off 2015 Events

As we enter the final year of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, the Museum of the Cape Fear and the Cumberland County Library are hosting the 14th Annual Civil War Quiz Bowl on January 29, at 7 pm. The quiz bowl is much like a game show. Over the years it has been enjoyed by the contestants, who fancy the Civil War, and those who like watching the competition.

"All those history buffs who have spent hours reading and roaming museum exhibits can now test their knowledge and see how much they really know about the Civil War," says Leisa Greathouse, Curator of Education.

Emcee, and founder of the program, Jim Greathouse, will ask contestants questions from among 10 categories. Each contestant is allowed two strikes before they are out of the game. Winners are chosen among the last contestants remaining in two age groups: 16 and under for the youth category, and 17 and up is the adult category winner. Their prize? A gift card to spend on more books and bragging rights of course!

There are questions to suit the casual armchair historian to the serious Civil War enthusiast. **Here's a sample:**

Q. What facility manufactured the Fayetteville Rifle?

A. The Fayetteville Arsenal

Too easy? Here's another:

Q. Who was governor of North Carolina when the Civil War began?

A. John Willis Ellis (last names only are acceptable unless otherwise stated in the question)

Spectators are welcome! If you are interested in participating or need more information, call the museum at 910-486-1330 to sign up or email leisa.greathouse@ncdcr.gov. People can also sign up at the door and contestants will be admitted until 20 spaces are filled. For more information about the museum go to www.museumofthecapefear.ncdcr.gov.

Contestants of all ages pose for a group picture at our 2014 Civil War Quiz Bowl. A youth winner (16 and under) and an adult winner (17 and up) will claim a prize this year as well.





NC Commemorates the Last Year of the Civil War Sesquicentennial with Events Across the State

Here are just a few of the events commemorating the final year of the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War in North Carolina that **you won't want to miss.**

January 17-18, 2015 **"Nor Shall Your Glory Be Forgotten," the 150th Anniversary of the Fall of Fort Fisher.** This program will span 2 days and will be packed with events, Civil War re-enactors, speakers, tours, and vendors. This year's theme will look at sacrifices made by both sides in the war and the assertion that there was "glory enough for all" during the second attack on Fort Fisher in January 1865. Fort Fisher State Historic Site, Kure Beach, NC.

February 14-15, 2015 **"150th Anniversary of the Fall of Fort Anderson" Living History Event.** Brunswick Town/Ft. Anderson State Historic Site, Winnabow, NC.

March 7, 2015 **"We are Prepared to Blow Our Gallant Little Boat to Pieces," 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Wyse Fork and Scuttling of the CSS Neuse** This is a living history program commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Wyse Fork and the scuttling of the CSS Neuse. Activities will include a symposium and costumed interpretation and demonstrations about military and civilian life at the close of the war. CSS Neuse Civil War Interpretive Center, Kinston, NC.

March 14-15, 2015 **"The Union Occupation of Fayetteville" A Living History Event.** Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex, Fayetteville, NC.

March 16, 2015 **"In the Path of Sherman's March"** Author Wade Sokolosky will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the **Fayetteville Arsenal's destruction with a presentation at the Cape Fear Regional Theater** in Fayetteville, NC. Hosted by the Museum of the Cape Fear and the NC Civil War History Center.

March 21-22, 2015 **"150th Anniversary of the Battle of Bentonville"** The largest reenactment held in North Carolina will commemorate the Battle of Bentonville on March 21 & 22, 2015. Event information can be found at www.150thbentonville.com. Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site, Four Oaks, NC.

April 17-27, 2015 **"Dawn of Peace: 150th Anniversary Surrender Commemoration at Bennett Place"** For more information visit www.bennettplacehistoricsite.com. Bennett Place State Historic Site, Durham, NC.

May 16, 2015 "Music and Literature of the Civil War Era", Somerset Place. Costumed Historic Interpreters will bring Somerset's wartime history to life by sharing true stories of the plantation adapted from original letters of the era. Visitors will encounter these characters staged in site buildings during a guided walking tour. Multi-instrumentalist Music Historian, Simon Spalding will perform Civil War music and soldier's songs. Somerset Place State Historic Site, Creswell, NC.

May 30, 2015 **"Freedom 150: Emancipation at Stagville"** Historic Stagville will commemorate the sesquicentennial of emancipation in North Carolina with a special living history event exploring how freedom affected the plantation. Living historians will discuss how the coming of emancipation affected the freedmen, plantation owners, overseers, and Union officers at Stagville in May 1865. Historic Stagville, Durham, NC.



Support the MCFHC and NCCWHC

You will notice that we now include an application for joining the friends of the North Carolina Civil War History Center in the newsletter. We are doing so because that is what the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex will be developing into over the coming years. By joining you will support both organizations and be included on the mailing lists for upcoming events. We hope you will continue your patronage.



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2014 Year in Review



What an amazing year at the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex! Annual events included the Civil War Quiz Bowl, Summer History Camp, Festival of Yesteryear, **Hallowe'en Revels**, and the **Holiday Jubilee**. Other highlights included our Vintage Baseball Game at Arnette Park and a commemoration ceremony at the Market House to honor the **100th anniversary of Babe Ruth's first professional homerun**, several lectures, a Civil War living history event, and a symposium to commemorate NC's ratification of the US Constitution. We were thrilled to announce a collaboration with Sweet Tea Shakespeare and hosted four of the company's plays including *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Love's Labour's Lost*, *The Taming of the Shrew*, and *Julius Caesar*. Summer interns Lisa Withers, Kennedy Washington, Abby Mullis, and Ben Herndon helped with collections and tours over the summer. 2014 also saw the revival of our Preschool Pals and Youth Archaeology programs thanks to volunteers Liz Callahan and



Virginia Plummer. We lost several volunteers due to illness over the year, but welcomed a few new faces as well. Thank you to volunteer Carol Scheib for stepping up to give weekend tours in November and December when one of our weekend warriors, Ruth Aldridge, was injured. To top it all off the NC Civil War History Center moved headquarters to the Culbreth House in Arsenal Park and continues to raise funds and promote itself for a 2019 completion date. We can't wait to see what 2015 will bring!





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Museum Hours

Tuesday-Saturday 10-5

Sunday 1-5

1897 Poe House Tours

Tues-Fri 11:00, 1:00, 3:00

Saturday 10-5 on the hour

Sunday 1-5 on the hour

Museum Staff

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Karen Wallace
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Weekend Staff

Louise White
Ruth Aldridge
Cait Fisher
Carol Scheib

And more than 50
volunteers



The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex consists of a NC southeast regional history museum, the 1897 Poe House, and Arsenal Park. Two floors of exhibits present the rich history of southeastern North Carolina, from the Paleo-Indian period to the first decades of the 1900s in the Museum of the Cape Fear. The fully restored and furnished 1897 Poe House, home of E.A. Poe, a Fayetteville brick maker, offers a glimpse of early twentieth-century life and the changes that defined this era. Finally, Arsenal Park marks the site commissioned in 1838 by the federal government to manufacture and store arms. The arsenal was used by the Confederacy during the Civil War, and it was destroyed by Union troops under the command of General William T. Sherman in March of 1865. Admission to the Museum Complex is free.

Upcoming Events

January 29, 2015

14th Annual Civil War Quiz Bowl
7:00 pm

Pate Room, Cumberland County
Library Main Branch
See front page for details.

February 1, 2015

Dancing Stories with
April C. Turner
2:00 pm

Museum of the Cape Fear

Celebrate Black History Month with dancer/singer April C. Turner. Turner will lead Dancing Stories, an exploration of African folklore that demonstrates ways that African stories can bring a community together. At the end of the presentation, audience members are invited to participate in playing music together as a community. FREE!

February 27, 2015

Red, White, Blue and Black:
United States Colored Troops in
North Carolina
7:00 pm

Museum of the Cape Fear

Charles Anderson will cover the contributions of black soldiers from NC who served in the Union Army during the Civil War and other U.S.C.T. troops who fought in NC. Five regiments of black soldiers were raised in North Carolina. Free!

March 14-15, 2015

Union Occupation of Fayetteville
Living History Event
Arsenal Park
10:00-4:00 Saturday
1:00-4:00 Sunday

Learn more about the Union occupation of Fayetteville as interpreted by re-enactors with Co. H, 17th New York Veterans and Volunteers/Palmetto Sharpshooters re-enactment group. Free!

March 16, 2015

In the Path of Sherman's March
7:00 pm

Cape Fear Regional Theater
Author Wade Sokolosky will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Fayetteville Arsenal's destruction with a presentation at the Cape Fear Regional Theater. Sokolosky is co-author of No Such Army Since the Days of Julius Caesar: Sherman's Carolinas Campaign from Fayetteville to Avera'sboro. Join us for this free presentation as Sokolosky re-counts the historical events that transpired 150 years ago. This event is co-sponsored by the North Carolina Civil War History Center, an affiliate of the Museum of the Cape Fear. Free!

The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex is part of the NC Department of Cultural Resources/Division of State History Museums.